

April 26, 2011

Governor Snyder, Senator Pavlov and Representative Gilbert,

I am a mother of four boys and a Special Education Teacher in St. Clair County. I have been a mother for 20 years and an educator for 29 years. I strongly believe the quality of education our children receive is the most important issue facing our Country and the State of Michigan. The practice of Tenure does not promote creative, passionate caring educators. It allows teachers with enough time on the job to have job security, which encourages apathy. As a parent, I want my children to have the best educators teaching and challenging them to reach their potential.

I teach my children to continuously strive to reach and achieve high standards. They understand that they are accountable for their actions. The people educating these children are not being held to standards that require continuous improvement. Our children's educators need to be more accountable for achieving high standards that would enable them to challenge and educate them.

I have been Tenured for a long time and believe that the majority of educators would welcome the opportunity to be challenged to provide the highest level of education possible.

I fully support your efforts to hold educators to higher standards in order to provide our children the best opportunity to compete in a truly global economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Andrzejewski". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Lisa Andrzejewski
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